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Alaska and the rest of the country are gearing up for the impending release of the EPA's watershed assessment of Bristol Bay.

In an interview with NPR affiliate KDLG, EPA official Rick Parkin says the watershed assessment will be fact and science-based and take emotion and opinions out of the analysis. Former Alaska state Senator Rick Halford says his best guess is that the assessment will find that Bristol Bay's is a world-class fishery that is incompatible with large sulfide mining. In addition, Sen. Mark Begich expresses support for the assessment and the science behind it.

Oregon angler and photographer Judith O'Keefe recaps her involvement in a sportsmen summit in Washington, D.C. and the breadth of the support behind Bristol Bay. Here's a telling excerpt from her blog post for Filson, the outdoor clothing maker: "To say I was awed and inspired by the individuals that made up this coalition would be a gross understatement; commercial fisherman, sportsmen and women, business owners, scientists and representatives from the Bristol Bay Native Corporation – an unlikely group of bed-fellows. Under typical circumstances, these folks would be on opposite sides of the fence. One of the unique aspects of the Save Bristol Bay project is that those who would usually support the 'development of our natural resources' are staunchly opposed to the Pebble Mine."

A blog post by a North Carolina sportsman calls Bristol Bay a priceless resource and says it's little wonder that such a diverse and countrywide coalition has united to stop the Pebble Mine. Colles Stowell writes: "Here's the scary part. Because of the mind-boggling amount of waste such an operation would generate, the developers propose building the world's largest earthen dam (700 feet high) at the head of a containment pond measuring up to 10 square miles. That pond would 'hold' a nasty mix of toxic waste (projected between 2.5 and 10 billion tons over the life of the mine) including sulfides that would require treatment 'in perpetuity.' How long will that promise hold?"

For more information, visit www.savebristolbay.org

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EPA Prepares to Make Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment Public
Dave Bendinger
Alaska public Radio

The next chapter in the controversial Pebble mine debate is right around the corner as the EPA prepares to make public the draft version of its Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment. KDLG's Dave Bendinger looked at differing views on what effect this Assessment might have... [Click here to listen](#)

Guest Blog: Judith O'Keefe, Save Bristol Bay
Filson Life

Did I hesitate when Trout Unlimited's regional director of the Save Bristol Bay project called asking me to join thirty-nine fellow anglers and hunters from across the nation? Not for one second! We were being asked join the Bristol Bay Sportsmen's Summit...

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Protecting a Priceless Resource

Colles Stowell

GreenFish and Outdoor Blogger Network

It would take a significant issue to get 40+ representatives from a diverse group of hunting and fishing associations across the country to fly to Washington D.C. to talk to a bunch of politicians and federal administrators. Enter the Pebble Mine... [Click here to read more](#)

Chilled Bristol Bay salmon may be gaining upper hand

Margaret Bauman, The Cordova Times

Alaska Dispatch

By going cold, drift gillnetters may be seizing an upper hand over set netters among Bristol Bay commercial fishermen. A just-released survey of Bristol Bay processors shows that the percentage of chilled salmon delivered by the drift gillnet fleet more than doubled in five years. At the same time, set netters delivered just 5 percent chilled, down from 30 percent four years ago... [Click here to read more](#)

Who needs Pebble Mine?

Renewable Resources Foundation

A quick video showing all of the copper and gold already available for our use. We do need these materials, but we don't need to mine them from Bristol Bay! [Click here to watch](#)

Pebble Mine

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Video presentation providing critical facts demonstrating the potential negative effects of the proposed Pebble Mine project... [Click here to watch](#)

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